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AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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THE ITC HAS SCHEDULED TWO MORE HEARINGS IN NEW ORLEANS NOVEMBER 18 AND SAN FRANCISCO NOVEMBER 30. ITS DECISION MAY BE RELEASED IN JANUARY 1977 ALTHOUGH THE OUTSIDE DEADLINE IS MARCH 17, 1977. SOME OTHER FOREIGN PRODUCERS ARE LIKELY TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES AT THESE SITES. LIKELY CANDIDATES INCLUDE BARBADOS, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, JAMAICA, GUYANA, AUSTRALIA AND SWAZILAND. THE ITC WILL THEN PRESENT ITS RECOMMENDATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

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